Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2022

Remarks in an Exchange With Reporters Prior to Departure for Phoenix, Arizona December 6, 2022

Manufacturing Industry/Arizona

Q. Mr. President, why go to a border State and not visit the border?

The President. Because there's a more important thing going on. They're going to invest billions of dollars in a new enterprise in the State.

North Carolina Power Outages

Q. Mr. President, the power outages in North Carolina——

The President. I don't know. I'm—we're—

Q. ——do you have any idea of who is behind it?

The President. No, we don't yet. I'm running that down. I got a brief this morning.

Q. [Inaudible]—an act of terrorism?

Respect for Marriage Act/Catholic Church

Q. Mr. President—Mr. President, Catholics—bishops object to the Respect for Marriage Act. They reject it. They say it harms religious freedom—Catholic bishops. What's your response to that?

The President. I disagree.

U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit

Q. [Inaudible]—Africa Summit?

The President. I'm looking forward to it.

NOTE: The President spoke at 9:26 a.m. on the South Lawn at the White House prior to boarding Marine One. A portion of these remarks could not be verified because the audio was incomplete.

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